# EDUCATION FOR ALL: Empowering Girls Through Education

#### **Every Child Has A Right To Learn**

Girls' education is not just about getting girls into school; it's about ensuring that girls feel safe and supported while in school to complete all levels of education. It's also about girls acquiring the knowledge, skills and self-confidence needed to overcome poverty and adversity and grow up to become better parents, professionals and community members.

#### Girls are at risk

In Mai Mahiu town in Kenya, over 3,200 students attend a single primary school. There is no high school in the community, which leaves girls especially vulnerable to early marriage, teen pregnancy, and exploitation in all its forms. As a result, many girls here drop out of school permanently after grade 6.

#### **Progress to Date**

The initial construction of a 12-classroom school that facilitates 600 girls attending high school, is nearing completion. We're putting finishing touches on the final classrooms, two science labs, and admin buildings. We've completed the drilling of a well, are constructing washrooms and purchasing textbooks, chalkboards, desks, chairs, lab equipment and library books. We've hired the school's psychosocial counsellor, who will provide personal and academic counselling and support.

This is thrilling progress as we welcomed the first cohort of students in May of this year.

**But, our work is not done.** In consultation with parents, local leaders and the government, we recognize the need to expand the scope of the initial project to meet the demand of girls in the Mai Mahui community fully.



Passion &

Purpose

In Action

### **Project At A Glance**

**Project Location:** Mai Mahiu, Nakuru County, Kenya

**School opening**: May 2022 (completed)

### Whom You Will Help:

600 girls attending the new Negay Girl's High School in Mai Mahui, Kenya

**Project Expansion Cost:** \$50,000

#### Your Impact:

By providing a dedicated counselling office, you will increase the school's capacity to implement a psychosocial counselling program effectively and improve the mental, emotional and academic health of 600 girls a year— AMAZING!

# What You Will Do

Your support will enable us to meet the expressed need of the community to provide a safe and secure space for the School Counsellor to provide psychosocial programming to the students:

Together we will:

- Construct a multi-room counselling office and consultation centre for the school's psychosocial counsellor/s to deliver their programming in a private and comfortable space
- Resource the space with desks, chairs, office supplies and counselling materials

#### About Village Impact

Since 2009, Village Impact has provided access to community-led education for thousands of children and youth in vulnerable communities in Kenya.

Today, we provide daily education to over 4,600 students in fifteen public schools we've built in partnership with communities, local governments and supporters like you.



Girls like Farine, a Bright Hope High School student, are part of a vibrant generation poised to take on the future.

Investing in their education allows them to build better lives for themselves and contribute to the health, safety and prosperity of their families, communities and the world.

## Your Opportunity to Make a Difference

With your help, we will help empower 600+ girls in Nakuru County, Kenya, to complete their secondary education.

When girls are educated, they build the knowledge, confidence and life skills necessary to navigate and adapt to our ever-changing world. They earn higher incomes, become active participants in the decisions that most affect them, and build better futures for themselves and their families. Educating girls also goes beyond achieving individual goals and dreams. It helps to break intergenerational cycles of poverty and disadvantage, giving all people—including boys and men opportunities to fulfill their potential. Join us!



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